

wherein the bottom surface of the burner panel and bottom member define at least one cavity;

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wherein the at least one preformed log defines at least a portion of the at least one cavity; and

wherein the at least one cavity extends above at least a portion of the top surface of the burner panel.

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(Once Amended) The gas burner of claim 3, wherein the burner panel comprises a compression molded material, the compression molded material comprising an inorganic fiber and a binder.

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19. (Once Amended) A gas burner for a fireplace, comprising:  
a burner panel defining a top surface and a bottom surface, wherein the top surface has a raised upper portion and a lower portion;

a bottom burner member coupled to the burner panel;  
wherein the burner panel defines at least one aperture to provide a gas/air mixture to the top surface of the burner panel;

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wherein the bottom surface of the burner panel and the bottom burner panel together define at least one cavity;

wherein the at least one cavity extends above the lower portion of the top surface of the burner panel; and

wherein the raised upper portion of the top surface extends above the lower portion.